



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SELECTBOARD MEETING

June 5, 2017

7:00 PM

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Chair; Steven Cormier, Vice-Chair; Randy DeVine, Duane Leach and Stephen Bessette

Public Present: Barbara Murphy, Diane Henning, Karan Saini, Surjit Saini, Gabe Grant, Colin Santee, Pat McNall, DJ Leach & Deb Woodward

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes:

5-15-17 – S. Cormier moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by S. Bessette, so moved.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants: The town warrants were reviewed by Randy; Utility warrants were reviewed by Duane and approved by the Board.

Public Comment:

- Barbara Murphy- Brief comment on the crosswalk, the town will need to apply for the permit and get a cost for the additional curbing needed for the crosswalk.

Correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Friends of Northern Lake Champlain for the towns donation for \$300.00

Diane Henning- Diane was in this evening due to the road condition in front of her home on Hunt St. She believes the road is breaking up and causing her lawn damage. There is a 6-8 inch hump in the road making getting into her driveway difficult. Also the sand/gravel from the winter is not being swept up in the spring like it always has been. Tom and DJ will visit the location on Tuesday June 6th to evaluate.

Karan Saini- Karan and Surjit were in to discuss the culvert on Hunt St. in front of their home. Debris is getting into the culvert and backs up. Would like Town to put some kind of cover over it so the water can go through but keep the "trash" out. The town can go in and clean out the culvert to maintain flow. While Tom and DJ are on Hunt St. tomorrow, they will stop and look at it.

D.J. Leach- Road Foreman- Monthly review

- Dirt roads are hard to keep up with the rain, but overall they are in pretty good shape.
- Culverts for Goose Pond Rd. are scheduled to go in on Wednesday
- Putting some Chloride down
- New truck is due in anytime.
- Looking at leasing equipment compared to purchasing
- Roadside mowing will be in July
- Pavement is behind due to the weather.

Alter from Agenda

Gabe Grant- BFA Ultimate (all coaches/director were invited to the meeting)

Gabe is the volunteer girl's high school coach. Ellen Fitzgerald is another coach and Geri Witalec is the Athletic Director; BFA Ultimate had some conflicts with our Rec Director Colin Santee in the past. The Selectboard feels that Ultimate Frisbee Club was disrespectful to Colin. Colin noted he didn't feel that the Club was disrespectful it was an individual. Also noted, it was not Gabe. Being that Colin is in charge of the fields scheduling and use of fields the Frisbee Club needs to follow the rules or future use of the fields may not be allowed. A change in communication was made so this problem should not arise again. The Field Schedule is posted on the Rec. bulletin board for games and specific fields. The board thanked Gabe for coming in tonight.

Colin had to excuse himself from the Rec. Dept. monthly update.

Pat McNall- Assessor Assistant- update

Pat has been in contact with Doug from PVR, Roger our District Advisor and appraisers Sterns Allen and Thomas Vickery about the Assessor Position with the town. At this time, Thomas Vickery has submitted a letter of interest. The Selectboard will review the letter. On May 24th the Abstract Grand List was lodged. There are 3 or 4 grievances scheduled for Wednesday June 7th and Thursday June 8th. Amber Soter will sit in with Pat. These are open meetings.

Deb Woodward- Town Clerk & Treasurer

Deb presented the board with the Municipal Checklist for Internal Control. The board approved and was signed by Tom. Deb reminded the board of the upcoming BCA meeting and to please let her know who can make it.

The Selectboard Stipend Policy - a sentence will be removed from the Policy and resubmitted to the board on June 19th.

The notice to Highway Employees will be discussed on June 19th.

The Selectboard accepted the quote from Northland Janitorial for our weekly cleaning, pressure washing the building, cleaning the floors and washing windows. Sparkle Kleen will be giving a 30 day notice. Sparkle Kleen was not able to meet the building needs.

The deadline to submit a resume for the Town Manager was today. There are 16 Candidates that have applied. There is an organizational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Randy DeVine was voted Vermont Waste Water Operator of the Year!

Adjournment:

8:15 S. Bessette made the motioned to adjourn, seconded by Randy. The motion so moved.

The next regular Selectboard Meeting will be held on Monday June 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

There will not be a meeting July 3, 2017

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard